
Park & Appleton Notes for 4/13 TAC Mtg

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Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 11:32 AM

To: Laura Swan <laura.swan.tac@gmail.com>, Daniel Amstutz <damstutz@town.arlington.ma.us>

Hi Laura & Dan,

I wanted to share an email with the TAC that was forwarded to me regarding a near-miss accident involving a group of Dallin 5th graders at the Park Ave & Appleton St intersection. As we approach the one year anniversary of the TAC's request for funding the intersection study I'm hopeful that this can help prompt short term action in Spring/Summer of 2022. In addition, I'm encouraged by MassDOT's new [commitment to Speed Management](#) given Park Avenue is an arterial that may result in MassDOT having greater involvement in changes. If it's more useful to have the parents share their observations with the Select Board please let me know and I can help direct them to the appropriate folks.

With regards to the entire Park Ave corridor I'd also like to share a few observations for low/no-cost improvements that could be implemented as we continue to pursue resources for Park/Appleton:

- **Park & Oakland:** Verify the SB speed limit signage on Park @ Oakland. The attached file seems to indicate a 25MPH sign should be installed opposite the 35MPH NB sign.
- **Park & Florence:** Switch the priority of the walk signal and the Florence green light. Currently, pedestrians get the walk signal after Park Ave switches to red. The Park Ave traffic is travelling at higher speeds and frequently runs the red light. Putting the walk signal after the Florence traffic, especially during AM rush hour, would expose pedestrians to the lower traffic volumes/speeds of Florence.
- **Park & Appleton:** Implement quick-build approaches similar to the Chestnut St and Mass/Appleton areas to reduce speeds and/or crossing distances. In addition, deploy a speed feedback trailer at the NB 25MPH sign to create awareness about the lower speed limit.

Thanks again for your support in moving this issue forward!

Best,
Joe

From: [REDACTED]

Date: April 7, 2022 at 9:19:14 PM EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Today's scary almost accident

Hi Ladies,

I'm sure you've heard from the girls by now about the scary near accident at the corner of Appleton and Park Ave earlier this afternoon. I've included Tracy on this where she lives right there and I believe has been in contact with the town about the ongoing issues at this spot.

I was driving my older son home from Ottoson and was on the Park Ave Nursing home side of Appleton and faced the incident across Park Ave. The girls were traveling down the hill and were attempting to cross Appleton. The car facing me right in front of them I think let them cross. The problem was with the car coming down Park, it made a left onto Appleton and just missed the girls crossing. It was about 6-8 girls. I only recognized your two girls at the end and waved to them to be sure they were ok. (They seemed to hesitate and not cross with the first group).

I just wanted to let you know I saw it and although kids can exaggerate, these girls aren't it was that

close! Scary. Hope the girls aren't too upset by it.

Take care



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Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 5:53 PM

To: Daniel Amstutz <damstutz@town.arlington.ma.us>, Laura Swan <laura.swan.tac@gmail.com>

Hi all,

Just wanted to follow up on the note below. Please let me know if the folks involved in the near miss should reach out to the Select Board or, given that the message would get routed to TAC(?), it's easier to have TAC and/or DPW address the concern with temporary improvements alongside the upcoming data collection.

Thanks in advance for any support you can provide!

Joe

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